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Follow up from Inside EPA. Worlds colliding on this one.

The first question would be an unequivocal no. We can explain the leach pond.

Lastly, we have until COB tomorrow to respond.

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Margot,

I do have a couple follow-up questions. Could you tell me if listing the Anaconda Copper Mine site on the NPL would set any kind of precedent? If so, what kind?

Also, I see that EPA is concerned about the site's heap leach fluid containment systems. Can you explain what this is in layman's terms? Is this the same thing as acid mine drainage?

Is EPA fearful there will be a spill here like the one in 2015 at Gold King Mine?

I'm working under a deadline of tomorrow late afternoon (your time).

Thanks.

Sincerely,
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Hi Suzanne, here are answers to your questions. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

EPA Region 9 Regional Administrator, Jared Blumenfeld, and his staff attended several meetings in the Yerington area on March 2. Mr. Blumenfeld met with local agriculture business representatives and city and county officials. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection was also present at these meetings in Yerington. Mr. Blumenfeld and his staff also met with representatives from the Yerington Community Action Group, the Yerington Paiute Tribe, and the Walker River Paiute Tribe. All parties engaged in a constructive dialogue regarding the possibility of placing the Anaconda Mine Site on the NPL. Mr. Blumenfeld answered a number of questions regarding the proposed listing and clarified some information referenced in his prior correspondence with Governor Sandoval on this issue. Mr. Blumenfeld has requested that Governor Sandoval provide his response to EPA's request for the State's position on NPL listing for the Site by March 29, 2016. EPA is currently awaiting the Governor's response.

The EPA contends listing the site on the NPL will make the Superfund money available for site cleanup when other sources of funding are not available and will allow the project to move forward with remedies that will ensure containment of mine site contamination and protection of groundwater resources. In addition, the NPL process provides closure and certainty to the local community, property owners and potentially responsible parties.

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